## What is claimed is:

1. A method performed by a computer system to print a document page on one sheet or split over several sheets, comprising:

simultaneously displaying on a computer display a preview of the document page as it will be printed, including displaying sheet splitting, and at least one control element for modifying the print scale or the number of sheets;

dynamically changing the displayed sheet splitting in response to a corresponding actuation of the control element;

printing the document page according to the displayed sheet splitting upon receiving a print command.

2. The method of claim 1, wherein the method is implemented by an application program.

3. The method of claim 1, wherein the method is implemented by a printer driver or an operating system.

4. The method of claim 3, wherein a program that initiates a print job uses a virtual sheet size which is larger than the actual sheet size, and, when the print job is passed to at least one of the printer driver and the operating system, the method is carried out using a representation of the document page adapted to the virtual sheet size as an input.

5. The method of claim 1, wherein the control element is a graphical slider.

6. The method of claim 1, wherein the sheet splitting is displayed by overlaying the preview of the document page with a grid.

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2	7. The method of claim 1, wherein a sheet location identification is
3	printed on the sheets of the document page.
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5	8. The method of claim 1, wherein the sheet splitting is shifted
6	relative to the page in response to a corresponding actuation of a sheet splitting
7	shift control element or a pointing device.
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9	9. A computer system, comprising:
10	a processing unit and storage for processing programs and program
11	components;
12	a computer display;
13	a printer;
14	an application program for creating at least one document page;
15	a program component that causes a print preview of the document page,
16	including sheet splitting, and at least one control element for modifying a print
17	scale or the number of sheets to be simultaneously displayed on the computer
18	display, further causes the displayed sheet splitting to dynamically change in
19	response to a corresponding actuation of the control element, and causes the
20	document page to be printed according to the displayed sheet splitting upon
21	receiving a print command.
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23	10. The computer system of claim 9, wherein the program component
24	is part of an application program.
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The computer system of claim 9, wherein the program component

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is part of a printer driver or an operating system.

12. The computer system of claim 11, wherein a program that initiates a print job uses a virtual sheet size which is larger than the actual sheet size, and, when the print job is passed to at least one of the printer driver and the operating system, the printer driver or the operating system uses a representation of the document page adapted to the virtual sheet size as an input.

13. The computer system of claim 9, wherein the control element is a graphical slider.

14. The computer system of claim 9, wherein the sheet splitting is displayed by overlaying the preview of the document page with a grid.

15. The computer system of claim 9, wherein a sheet location identification is printed on the sheets of the document page.

16. The computer system of claim 9, wherein the sheet splitting is shifted relative to the page in response to a corresponding actuation of a sheet splitting shift control element or a pointing device.

17. A computer program product including program code for carrying out the following method for printing a document page on one sheet or split over several sheets, when executed on a computer system:

simultaneously displaying on a computer display a preview of the document page as it will be printed, including displaying sheet splitting, and at least one control element for modifying the print scale or the number of sheets;

dynamically changing the displayed sheet splitting in response to a corresponding actuation of the control element;

causing the document page to be printed according to the displayed sheet splitting upon receiving a print command.

18. The computer program product of claim 17, wherein the program code is stored on a computer-readable data carrier or is in the form of signals transmitted over a computer network.

19. The computer program product of claim 17, wherein the program code is part of an application program.

20. The computer program product of claim 17, wherein the program code is part of a printer driver or of an operating system.

21. The computer program product of claim 20, adapted to a program that, when initiating a print job, uses a virtual sheet size which is larger than the actual sheet size, wherein the method, when the print job is passed to at least on of the printer driver or the operating system, is carried out using a representation of the document page adapted to the virtual sheet size as an input.

22. The computer program product of claim 17, wherein the control element is a graphical slider.

23. The computer program product of claim 17, wherein the sheet splitting is displayed by overlaying the preview of the document page with a grid.

24. The computer program product of claim 17, wherein a sheet location identification is printed on the sheets of the document page.

25. The computer program product of claim 17, wherein the sheet splitting is shifted relative to the page in response to a corresponding actuation of a sheet splitting shift control element or a pointing

device.